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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Earl Lowe on September 30, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

TITLE

The title has been changed to – Method for dilution of cellulose pulp--.

CLAIMS

Claims 7-12, the non-elected claims, have been cancelled.

- 2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Figures 1 and 2 need to be labeled as prior art, since that what is shown. Also in figure 1, the non English words, "Känd Teknik" need be either translated to English or deleted. Figure 1 contains the formula/symbol of the Methylene, CH₂ to be introduced into stand pipe **40**, which is not explained in the specification; such symbol must be either deleted or explain its meaning in the specification.
- 3. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach nor suggest the dilution as it is claimed. More specifically the prior art does not teach the dilution of the free falling comminuted pulp with jets of dilution fluid.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José A. Fortuna whose telephone number is 571-272-1188. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew J. Daniels can be reached on 571-272-2450. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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